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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The present paper contains a preliminary amendment to be considered in the above-referenced U.S. National stage Application of PCT/EP00/03904. Applicants request that the amendment be entered and considered in the present application prior to substantive examination.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-56 and insert the following new claims:

57. [NEW] A method for sequence analysis of one or more target nucleic acids present in one or more biological samples, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) deriving from one or more biological samples the one or more target nucleic

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